

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicant would like to thank Examiner Friedhofer for the personal interview conducted in his office on June 3, 2004. Examiner Friedhofer, Paul T. Clegg (one of the named inventors), and Grant R. Clayton, Applicant's representative, were all present. A demonstration of illustrative embodiments of the inventions disclosed and claimed in application nos. 10/726,862 and 10/654,778 was provided by Mr. Clegg and left with Examiner Friedhofer. Amendments to the claims in the '862 application were discussed which were agreed would overcome the section 112 rejections and the submission of a terminal disclaimer to over the statutory double patenting rejections was also discussed. Applicant's representative indicated that an Information Disclosure Statement would be filed in the future in the '862 application and that a formal amendment and terminal disclaimer would also be filed at a future date. Applicant will file the Information Disclosure Statement shortly and asks the examiner's consideration of the same upon receipt. A Terminal Disclaimer accompanies this paper.

Claims 1-53 are presented herein for consideration by the Examiner. Claims 4, 19, 38, 39, 52 and 53 have been amended to overcome the rejections raised in the Office Action. No new matter has been added. All pending claims should now be allowable for the following reasons.

1. REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112 ARE TREATED

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 19 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicant has amended these claims in conformance with the examiner's suggestion and therefore they should now be allowable.

2. REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS UNDER STATUTORY DOUBLE PATENTING ARE TREATED

Claims 4-8, 19-34, 39-40, 52 and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1, 4-7, 18-33, 38, 39, 51 and 52 of U.S. Patent No. 6,660,948. Claims 4, 19, 39, 52 and 53 have each been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 as follows, that is, they have been amended so that they are no longer coextensive in scope as the cited claims from the '948 patent.

Claim 4 has been amended to include that the second cantilever is connected to the support frame. This addition changes the scope of claim 4 such that it is no longer the same as any claim in the '948 patent. Since claims 5-8 of the application are dependent upon claim 4, they should also now be allowable.

Claim 19 has been amended to delete the subject matter "such that when said key is depressed, said first cantilever is adapted to deflect to activate a switch." This change to claim 19 changes the scope of claim 19 such that it is no longer the same

as any claim in the '948 patent. Since claims 20-34 are dependent upon claim 19, they should also now be allowable.

Claim 39 has been amended such that it is now different in scope from any claim in the '948 patent and should now be allowable. Further, since claim 40 is dependent upon claim 39, it should now also be allowable.

Claims 52 and 53 have both been amended such that they are different in scope from any claim in the '948 patent and now should be allowable.

3. REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS UNDER STATUTORY "NON-STATUTORY" DOUBLE PATENTING ARE TREATED

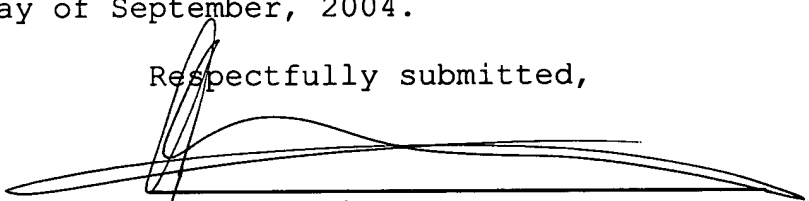
Claims 1-3, 9-18, 35-38, and 41-51 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of non-statutory double patenting. Applicant has now filed a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome this rejection as suggested in the Office Action.

4. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that all of the pending claims are allowable. If any questions arise after entry of this paper, a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney would be welcome.

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